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Dear Sir:

Further to the two prior Information Disclosure Statements on file for the above-identified application, the Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby submits the following additional information to be made of record and considered in the prosecution of this application. In the event any fees are due with this paper, the Commissioner is respectfully authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013.

I.

First, a copy of Japanese publication No. 2001-04933 cited at pages 2 and 3 of the specification as filed in provided and cited on the accompanying Form PTO-SB/08. This submission is timely in that it is made prior to a first action on the merits. Its relevance can be seen from the context at pages 1 to 4 of the specification as filed.

II.

In addition, the three additional Japanese publications also cited on the accompanying Form PTO-SB/08 are provided with translations. These submissions are timely in that they are made prior to a first action on the merits. Their relevance can be seen from the English language text for the documents.

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Please take these additional documents into account in the initial examination of this application and make their consideration of record with the consideration of the documents previously submitted.

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